



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 22nd October 2023

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion: Darfield

Saturday 28th October 2023

A Day for Remembering

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with a service at 2:00 p.m.

Sunday 29th October 2023

Twenty first Sunday after Trinity

10:45 a.m. Brunch Service: Gt Houghton

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An Appeal for Volunteer(s)...

At this time of year we assess our annual church budget to ensure that we can get as near to breaking even at the end of December. One area which is running well short of our expectation is that of **Fund Raising Events**. In an attempt to improve this situation and to re-connect with our community we have provisionally scheduled a **Christmas Coffee Morning for Saturday 9th December** in Darfield Church Hall.

We already have offers of some stalls to add to the event, **BUT we need someone to co-ordinate the event** to ensure that it is as successful as it can be. **Is this You? If so please contact Peter, Kay or Jo.**

Also volunteer if you have any ideas for, or can run, a stall or game on the day.

More Prophets Part 5 U-?

Urijah lived during the reign of King Jehoiakim of Judah, at the same time as the prophet **Jeremiah**. His prophesy against Jerusalem and its impending destruction backed up the prophesy of Jeremiah. [Jeremiah 26: 20-24]. Urijah heard of the King's desire to put him to death and fled to Egypt. However the king sent a team to fetch Urijah back to Jerusalem where he was killed and his body *'thrown into the burial place of the common people'*

Unknown Prophets we round up this series with some of the prophets whose names were not recorded at the time but their messages were just as vital to their hearers.

In the years following Deborah as Judge, the Israelites *did evil in the sight of the Lord* [Judges 6: 1] and, for seven years were under severe oppression from the Midianites. An **unknown prophet** reminded the people that the LORD had brought them up out of slavery in Egypt and told them that the LORD had delivered them from the hands of the Midianites, but they hadn't listened. [Judges 6: 8-10]

A Prophecy against the house of Eli: Eli was the Priest at Shiloh and is classed as the penultimate Judge of Israel. Eli's sons are described as *scoundrels with no regard for the LORD* [1 Samuel 2: 10]. **A man of God** came to Eli [1 Samuel 2: 27] with the message from the LORD that his family would be punished and all his male descendants would die at an early age. Some years later the Philistines attacked the Israelites and captured the Ark of the Covenant at Ebenezer. Eli's two sons were killed in that battle on the same day. [1 Samuel 4: 10]

The Man of God From Judah. King Jeroboam was standing by the altar at Bethel making an offering when a 'Man of God From Judah' predicted that a descendant called Josiah would sacrifice the Priests and other on the altar and that the altar would be split apart [1 Kings 13: 1-3]. Later in the same chapter we read of another **old prophet** living in Bethel [1 Kings 13:11]

A Prophet: [1 Kings 20:13]. King Ahab of the northern Kingdom of Israel was faced by an attack from Ben-Hadad, King of Aram. An **unknown prophet** came to Ahab with a promise from the Lord that Ahab would defeat the armies of Aram. The rest of this chapter describes the interactions between Ahab and other unknown prophets.

A Man of God [2 Chronicles 25: 7] came to King Amaziah of Judah at a time when he had strengthened his army by hiring a hundred thousand fighting men from the Southern Kingdom of Israel [2 Chronicles 25: 5, 6]. The Man of God's message was that the Israelite troops should not fight alongside the king's troops as 'the Lord is not with Israel' [25: 7]

The Seventy Elders of Israel: in the short time after the Exodus from Egypt, Moses had faced the constant murmurings and oppositions from the people. The LORD told Moses to gather seventy of the elders who were known to be leaders and officials within the peoples. The LORD came down to the tent of meeting and gave some of the power of the Spirit that had rested on Moses to the seventy elders who prophesied when the Spirit rested on them but did not do so again. [Numbers 11: 24, 25]

We should all share the wish of Moses that **'all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put His Spirit on Them'** [Numbers 11: 29]

A Day for Remembering

At both All Saints' Darfield and St Michael Great Houghton

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A space for reflection and prayer or a cuppa and a chat

Coat appeal. The Salvation Army at Goldthorpe (which helps people our area too) are hoping to be able to ensure that everyone has a warm coat this winter.

If you have one which you no longer require, please bring it to church and pop it in the Tower Room and it will be collected ready to be given to someone in need.

A chance to make a big difference !

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

God, our light and our salvation:
illuminate our lives, that we may
see Your goodness in the land
of the living, and looking on
Your beauty may be changed
into the likeness of Jesus Christ
our Lord.

Readings

Isaiah 45: 1-7

Psalm 96: 1-13

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

Matthew 22: 15-22

Bible Readings for this week

October

22nd	Mark 5: 11-20
23rd	Proverbs 7: 14-27
24th	Proverbs 8: 1-11
25th	Proverbs 8: 12-21
26th	Proverbs 8: 22-36
27th	Proverbs 9: 1-9
28th	Proverbs 9: 10-18
29th	Proverbs 10: 1-10

Prayer Square

**This week we are praying
for ourselves and for...**

*those who lead our services
and preach the Gospel
message.*

*those who lead our prayers
and bible readings.*

*all who act as sidesman and
welcomers.*

Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our
Prayer Ministry team through

Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331

From the Parish Registers

Funeral: Wilfred (Wilf) Holford aged 85

St Michael Great Houghton and Great Houghton Cemetery

We acknowledge with grateful thanks, the sum of £255 received for St. Michael's Church as half of the retiring collection at Wilf's funeral service. The other half being sent to the Alzheimer's Society.

A Prayer for Growth:

Lord Jesus, as a Church Family in All Saints' and St Michael's, it is our mission to know You and proclaim You.

We want to connect with our community and see Your Kingdom grow. Send Your Holy Spirit to renew, invigorate and inspire us in our work for You.

Give us grace, wisdom and joy as we seek to hold out Your Word. Make us strong, powerful and courageous witnesses and grant that we grow in faith and in numbers, to the honour of Your Name, Amen

Render to Caesar [Matthew 22: 15-22]

The Roman Empire, like every other Government before or since, needed to raise revenue from taxes to fund the military, public works and stimulate the economy. The Roman State would decide the amount of tax due from each region and it would then be up to local officials to make and collect the individual demands. At the time of Jesus, Tax Collectors were seen as agents of the Roman Occupying Powers and many had a reputation for extorting more than was needed and keeping the balance for themselves.

It was in this context that the Pharisees attempted to trap Jesus. They sent their disciples who, after an attempt at flattery, asked Jesus if it was right to pay the Imperial Tax to Rome. The answers that they anticipated would bring Jesus into direct conflict with the Roman authorities if He said no or with the people if He said yes.

Jesus was wise to their intent and, after calling them hypocrites, asked them to produce a coin used to pay the taxes. He asked whose head was on the coin. Their reply of Caesar's prompted Jesus to confound them by saying "give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's"

Psalm 96: 1-4

- 1 *Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.*
- 2 *Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.*
- 3 *Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous deeds among all peoples.*
- 4 *For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.*

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.